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Dear Justice Department,  
Antitrust law is illogical, ex post facto, unenforceable.

If a business sets a price above the prices of its rivals, it can be charged with ?intent to monopolize.? If it sets a price below those of rivals, it can be charged with ?predatory pricing? or ?unfair competition? or ?restraint of trade.? If it charges a price similar to those of rivals, it can be charged with ?collusion? and joining a ?conspiracy to fix prices.?

Antitrust law substitutes the free choices of the free market for the coersive judgment of one judge. The alleged benefits to the consumer are a myth; the court takes money away from the people whom the consumers rewarded with thier patronage, and gives it by force to those the consumers did not want to pay.

In every case, prices to consumers go up after the courts make an antitrust ruling. The business losses to the United States economy run to the billions of dollars.

In this case, Microsoft is under attack by an envious rival. The several states should be forbidden from pursuing this case.

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